



# MIAA Lacrosse Committee Meeting May 12, 2022

The MIAA Lacrosse Committee met virtually on May 12, 2022, with approximately 25 members of the boys and girls committees, MIAA staff and the media.

## **Spring Tournament:**

*Sub-Committee for Resolving Conflicts* – Sub-committee meeting date is June 3<sup>rd</sup>. Cutoff date is June 2<sup>nd</sup>. Rich Riley, MIAA Lacrosse Liaison, will send an email seeking volunteers.

MIAA Representation at Tournament Games - The Round of 8 will include 16 contests (both boys and girls) with site coverage from Rich Riley, Dan Brothers and the four regional coordinators. Committee Members were asked to help represent the MIAA at tournament games.

*Tournament Information* - Tournament email sent on May 6<sup>th</sup> to school administrators.

## **Coaches Report:**

*Boys* - W. Puglisi spoke to the head of the Coaches Association recently. A concern raised by coaches for future consideration revolved around the goal differential. There is a potential conflict with MIAA Sportsmanship objectives and impact with Power Rankings. The matter of goal differential may keep some students on the bench in order to reach the goal differential. *Note:* the Lacrosse Committees discussed this issue during the February 2022 meeting and chose to suggest no changes to goal differential at the time. Gathering feedback after this first Statewide Lacrosse Tournament to provide to Tournament Management Committee is highly encouraged.

*Girls* - No report at this time

## **Officials Report:**

*Boys* - D. Benson noted the season is moving along. Scheduling challenges exist due to bussing and some COVID related reasons. Still a desire to have more games officiated using three officials in order to better prepare for the MIAA Tournament. There will be a referee Zoom meeting prior to tournament to ensure everyone is on the same page and fully trained for the tournament.

*Girls* - ML Thimas reported that the National Federation is requesting feedback on recommendations for potential rule changes. Game officials are difficult to secure. A recent training session occurred for officials to help prepare them for tournament games.

**Open Forum:**

A tournament preparation Zoom program for MIAA Membership is scheduled for June 1<sup>st</sup>. Questions should be submitted in advance of the session. An email will be sent to Lacrosse school leaders to inform them.

**Other:**

Co-ops: Jim Forrest (boys) voiced that alignment of co-op teams up one division over the alignment of the school with the highest enrollment is a concern.

Field markings: J. Magliozzi (boys) asked for clarification regarding markings in the face off area. Some fields present a challenge when large logo/mascot designs cover the face off area. A line needs to run from sideline to sideline across the midline so officials will be able to accurately call offside. A suggested remedy is placing a temporary line using water soluble paint which would dissolve after the match.

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